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SUBJ: NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIA?

REF: CANBERRA 6370

1. IN "NATIONAL TIMES" OF DECEMBER 24 CORRESPOND*NT FRED
BRENCHLEY HAS PUBLISHED ARTOCLE STATING THAT AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT" WILL NOT EVEN CONSIDER" REQUEST FOR NUCLEAR
POWERED WARSHIP VISITS TO AUSTRALIA UNTIL AUSTRALIAN
COMPLAINT ABOUT FRENCH TESTING IN SOUTH PACIFIC HAS BEEN
DECIDED BY INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. THRUST OF
ARTICLE IS THAT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM AND DEFENSE
MINISTER BARNARD DO NOT WISH TO GIVE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
ANY GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT THAT IT IS BEING
"HYPOCRITICAL" IN ALLOWING NPW VISITS AND ATTENDANT
DANGERS OF POLLUTION AT SAME TIME GOA PROTESTING ABOUT
POLLUTION FROM FRENCH TESTS. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE
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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT EXPECT ICJ DECISION TO

BE MADE UNTIL MID OR LATER 1974. COPY OF ARTICLE HAS
BEEN AIR POUCHED DECEMBER 28 TO DEPARTMENT.

2. SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLE IS VERY SIMILAR TO REPORT
SUBMITTED IN REFTEL SOMEWHAT OVER A MONTH AGO. AT THAT
TIME IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR EMBOFFS TO DETERMINE WHAT
AUSTRALIAN POSITION WAS WITH REGARD TO NPW VISITS
ALTHOUGH INDICATIONS AT THAT TIME WERE ALSO THAT GOA
DID WISH TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THESE VISITS FOR
THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THIS INFORMATION OF COURSE IS
NOW IN PUBLIC DOMAIN IN AUSTRALIA THROUGH PUBLICATION
OF BRENCHLEY ARTICLE.

3. COMING AS IT DOES JUST BEFORE DEFENSE MINISTER
BARNARD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, BRENCHLEY STORY APPARS
TO HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRED LEAK ON PART OF "DEFENSE
OFFICIALS" WHO BRENCHLY APPARENTLY INTERVIEWED.
SUBJECT OF NPW VISITS HAS NOT BEEN IN NEWS FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS AND THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP IN OTHER
NEWSPAPERS TO BRENCHLEY'S "NATIONAL TIMES" ARTICLE.
DECONTROL DEC 31, 1974.
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